

The Shul

at the Lubavitch Center

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Yud Shevat

Remember – I will always remember my first visit to Lubavitch. It happened some thirty years ago. Though a chasid of Wizhnitz, I had heard of Chabad and its renowned leader. A foreign correspondent for Israel's evening paper "Yediot Achronot," I had thought of doing a story about the way Lubavitcher chasidim celebrate the liberation of the first – or the "Alter" – Rebbe, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi from Czarist prison. When I left in the early morning hours, I still belonged to Wizhnitz, but I was already caught by something or someone one finds only in Lubavitch.

I remember: in a "shul" that seems both huge and intimate, thousands and thousands of chasidim, young and old, from all over the world, are dancing vertically, as if not moving from their place, yet forcing their rhythm onto the entire universe.

Their eyes closed, they sing as only chasidim can. Ten times, fifty times, they repeat the same words, the same tune, and the song bursts their chests and lights a thousands flames in their eyes before rising higher and higher, up to the seventh heaven, if not higher, to the "Heichel hanegina," source and sanctuary of all songs.

The center is the Rebbe. The chasid in me looks at him with wonder. There is something melancholy and profoundly moving about his personality. Disturbing and reassuring at the same time. He feels what everyone here feels, he helps all attain the unattainable. In his presence, one feels more Jewish, more authentically Jewish. Seen by him, one comes in closer contact with one's own inner Jewish center.

Am unable to take my eyes off him. His gaze encompasses everyone and everything. I have rarely witnessed such control of and concern over such a large assembly. Thousands of eyes follow his most imperceptible movements. When he talks, everybody listens breathlessly, absorbing every word, every sigh. When he sighs, the whole world sighs with him and us.

I remember: hours long I stood there, at 770 Eastern Parkway, as in a dream, looking at the Rebbe who was looking at his followers. At times, he smiled and night vanished from their lives. There were moments when he seemed serious and somber. And, between songs, his fervent listeners trembled between fear and hope.

Suddenly I saw myself as a child again. Spending a Shabbat at the court of the Wizhnitzer Rebbe. There, too, the souls became strings and played ancient melodies.

Yet here in Lubavitch it is different. The world is different. Countless invisible cemeteries separate the past from the present. In Lubavitch I think even about Wizhnitz in a different manner. What the Rebbe of Lubavitch is doing, what he is accomplishing here can be felt beyond Lubavitch.

This I came to understand much later. As I began traveling around the country, I discovered the Rebbe's emissaries in the most forsaken places. Were it not for them and their devotion, were it not for the mission entrusted onto them by the Rebbe, in the forty-two years of his leadership, who knows how many Jewish souls would have been lost to our people.

It is part of the Rebbe's greatness that he knows whom to send where and when. Not all their accomplishments have been made public. Some must remain secret. When they will be revealed – soon, I hope – they will surely increase the existing admiration for the Rebbe's vision.

Thus the Jewish people owe the Rebbe a great debt of recognition and gratitude. I do, too. I have learned much from Lubavitch in Lubavitch.

Had I not participated in the "Chag HaGeula" of Chabad some thirty years ago, I wonder whether I would be who I am now.

(by Ellie Wiesel in 1991, from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)



We wish Mazel Tov to **Mr. Eli and Mrs. Aviva Gold** on
the **engagement of their daughter**
Leeba
to
Yossi Egert.
We wish both of you much mazel, simcha and a long life together.

Mazel Tov also to the Yossi's parents
Mr. Isser and Mrs. Esther Leah Egert.

We happily wish Mazel Tov to
Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan
on the **Birth of a Great-Granddaughter,**

and to **Rabbi and Mrs. Levi Kaplan**
on the **Birth of their Granddaughter.**



Mr. Chaim Simcha Hartford and Family
are co-sponsoring Kiddush after davening this Shabbat
in honor of **Yud Shevat, their son Aharon Tzvi's Upshernish,**
and the **Shul's incredible Chesed to their family.**

Mr. Reuven Frank and Family
are co-sponsoring Kiddush after davening this Shabbat
in honor of **Yud Shevat.**

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to **Yechiel Rubin**
on the loss of his father, **Ephraim Rubin.**

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

Yahrzeits This Week:

Ethel Fischer 15 Shevat - Wednesday night / Thursday for husband Yaakov Mordechai Ben HaRav Zev Yehudah

DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday, 2/7 — 9 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Shabbat Candles — 5:16 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:15 p.m.

Shabbat, 2/8 — 10 Shevat

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:41 a.m.
Minchah — 5:05 p.m.
Shiur — after Minchah
Shkiah — 5:36 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 6:18 p.m.

Sunday, 2/9 — 11 Shevat

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Maariv — 5:25 p.m.

Monday, 2/10 — 12 Shevat

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:25 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/11 — 13 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m..
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:25 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/12 — 14 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:25 p.m.
Tanya Shiur: 2nd part of Tanya Shaar HaYichud
V'Emunah which deals w/the nature of creation and
the unity of Hashem — 8:00 p.m.

Thursday — Tu B'Shevat, 2/13 — 15 Shevat

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:25 p.m.

Friday, 2/14 — 16 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Shabbat Candles — 5:24 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:25 p.m.